Comprehensive Policy on Consumer Goods Industry

416. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER to pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newsitem which appeared in the Indian Express dated January 1, 1993 under the caption "Comprehensive Policy on Consumer Goods urged"; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Consumer goods cover a wide spectrum of industries falling in cottage and village industry sector, modern small scale sector and medium/large scale sector and are handled by different Ministries/Departments. Items like tobacco products, processed foods, soft drinks and beverages, sugar, edible oils, consumer durables like electrical and electronic goods, etc. required different policy measures and, therefore, there cannot be a uniform policy for consumer goods as a whole, covering issues like foreign equity participation, tax structure and reservation for Small Scale Units.

Sale of Equity of PSUs

417. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER to pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have proposed to sell 100 per cent equity of sick public sector undertakings;

(b) whether Government have identified such PSUs; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Export of SSI Production

418. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER to pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to strengthen and upgrade the export of SSI's production; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) As per the Small Scale Industrial Policy announced on 6th August, 1991 the primary objective would be to impart more vitality and growth impetus to the sector to enable it to contribute its mite fully to the economy, particularly in terms of growth of output, employment and exports. In order to achieve these objectives, a series of measures have been initiated to strengthen and upgrade

this sector. The policy measures broadly cover increase in investment limit and formation of special package for tiny sector, financial support in terms of better access to credit, modernisation, technological and quality upgradation, marketing and exports. To boost up exports, training is being provided in export marketing and packaging alongwith the facilities for participation in International Trade Fairs and Exhibitions.

Appointment of Auditors in PSUs

419. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that accounts of a large number of PSUs are in disarray for want of auditors;

(b) if so, the number of such PSUs and the reasons therefor;

(c) the reasons for non-availability of auditors to audit the accounts of these PSUs; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to accelerate the process of auditing the accounts of PSUs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Fall in Industrial Growth

420. SHRI P. UPENDRA:
DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a substantial fall in industrial growth during 1992-93;

(b) what are the reasons for the decline in industrial production; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to overcome the recession?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. According to Index of Industrial Production as compiled by Central Statistical Organisation available upto November, 1992, the overall rate of growth during April—November, 1992 over April—November, 1991 was 3.9 per cent, compared to (−) 0.1 percent during April 1991 — March, 1992.

(c) Initiatives taken in the New Industrial Policy, the Union Budget 1992-93, the Export and Import Policy 1992—97 and subsequent reduction in the interest rates, provision of additional credit limit of Rs. 600 crores through IDBI etc. are aimed at accelerating overall industrial production.